

Borough of Pine Hill
Council Meeting
September 18, 2017
Pine Hill Borough Hall
7:30 P.M.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk, Patricia Hendricks delivered the Sunshine Law and the awareness for the town.

Roll Call: Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk

Councilman Warrington-absent, Councilwoman McCullen-present, Councilman Knott-present, Councilman Jaxel-present, Councilman Robb-absent, Councilman Burke-present, Mayor Green-present, Mr. Greer-present, Mrs. Hendricks-present, Mr. Maressa-present, Mr. Magill-present, Mr. Cardis-present

Mayor Green reported to let the record state that Labor Attorney Michael DiPiero is attending the Council Meeting.

Mayor Green reported that the first order of business was going to be Resolution 2017-155 Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session of the Borough of Pine Hill. He commented that closed session will involve contracts and personnel. Mayor Green stated to let the record reflect that he would sit for the closed session dealing with contracts and recuse from the closed session dealing with personnel.

Mayor Green read the proclamation supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown.

Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2017

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 3 yes votes Councilman Burke Abstained

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 4 yes votes

Approval of Bills: September 2017

Motion to Approve: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 3 yes votes Councilman Burke Abstained

Committee Reports: August 2017

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 4 yes votes

Mayor Green asked Council if there were any matters to be discussed. Council had no matters to be discussed.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-181

BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
COUNTY OF CAMDEN

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE 2% CAP ON
POLICE AND FIRE ARIBTRATION CONTRACT AWARDS

WHEREAS, local municipalities require specific tools to address the rising cost of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, in July 2010 the Governor and New Jersey State Legislature enacted a permanent 2% cap on municipal and school board tax levies with limited exceptions that did not include police and fire arbitration contract awards; and

WHEREAS, salary costs are a large part of the driver in the increases of local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010 the Legislature unanimously approved and the Governor enacted a temporary 2% cap on police and fire arbitration contract awards in an effort to control increasing salary costs and provide a solution to assist local governments in keeping property taxes down and cost under control; and

WHEREAS, the December 2010 legislation included an April 2, 2014 sunset on the 2% arbitration cap while the 2% property tax levy remained permanent for municipalities and school boards; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014 the Legislature unanimously approved and the Governor enacted an extension to December 31, 2017 for the 2% arbitration cap, however, the 2% property tax levy cap continues to remain permanent, without an exemption for police and fire arbitration contract awards; and

WHEREAS, municipalities continue to contain costs and provide vital services to residents within the 2% property tax levy while the New Jersey economy remains sluggish and taxpayers struggle to keep their homes and pay their taxes; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that this change in arbitration reform needs a longer time to mature in order to see the benefits of the legislation and its actual impact on the cost of local government budgets and the impact on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Police and Fire Public Interest Arbitration Impact Force, which was established in the December 2010 legislation, is not due to submit its final report on its findings,

recommendations until the same day of the expiration of the cap on interest arbitration awards, December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, we recognize it is now time for our taxpayers to benefit directly from these cost saving measures as many police and fire contracts will come due for negotiation after the sunset date; and

WHEREAS, if the cap on interest arbitration expires while the 2% levy cap remains in effect, municipalities will be forced to reduce or eliminated municipal services so to fund interest arbitration awards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, urges the State Legislature to extend the 2% cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards for 5 more years at which time the Legislature will have hard data to examine and then make a final decision as to whether this law should be made permanent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to the members of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State Senate, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the League of Municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Pine Hill, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

BY: _____
CHRISTOPHER GREEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS CARDIS, BOROUGH CLERK

	WARRINGTON	MCCULLEN	KNOTT	JAXEL	ROBB	BURKE
YES		✓	✓	✓		✓
ABSTAIN						
NO						
ABSENT	✓				✓	

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pine Hill at a meeting of said Council held on the 18th of September, 2017.

Thomas Cardis, Borough Clerk

Motion to move Resolution #2017-181: Councilman Burke, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-182

BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
COUNTY OF CAMDEN

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HALLOWEEN CURFEW FOR MINORS ON OCTOBER
27, 28, 29, 30 AND OCTOBER 31, 2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pine Hill Mayor and Council has determined that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and youth of Pine Hill, a Halloween curfew for minors should be enacted this year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Police Chief has recommended that curfew be set at 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. on October 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 31, 2017 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis the Borough establishes the “trick or treat” day and hours, and

WHEREAS, the “trick or treat” day and hours for the Borough shall be Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 3:00PM until 8:00PM.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Pine Hill that for the reason set forth here and above 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. curfew is

hereby established for October 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 31, 2017 for all unaccompanied minors under the age of (18) years old.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the day and time for “trick or treat” is hereby set for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 between the hours of 3:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

BY: _____
CHRISTOPHER GREEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS CARDIS, BOROUGH CLERK

Adopted: September 18, 2017

	WARRINGTON	MCCULLEN	KNOTT	JAXEL	ROBB	BURKE
YES		✓	✓	✓		✓
ABSTAIN						
NO						
ABSENT	✓				✓	

Motion to move Resolution #2017-182: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-183

BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
COUNTY OF CAMDEN

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
AUTHORIZING A TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, Block 34 Lot 7 located at 1417 Oak Street, Pine Hill, is assessed to Joshua & Mitchel S. Triestman; and

WHEREAS, the Triestmans bought the property in December of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Catherine Fox had previously scheduled the 1st and 2nd quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,160.14 each for her Aunt, the prior homeowner, and neglected to cancel them when the home sold; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Collector, Kathryn A. Merkh, has indicated that a refund of these tax payments should be made to Catherine Fox, 2315 W. Deerfield Drive, Media, PA 19063.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Pine Hill, County of Camden, that for the reasons set forth hereinabove, it hereby authorizes a tax refund to Catherine Fox in the amount of \$2,320.28 and to authorize the Tax Collector to adjust the tax records accordingly.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BOROUGH OF PINE HILL

BY: _____
CHRISTOPHER J. GREEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS CARDIS, BOROUGH CLERK

	WARRINGTON	MCCULLEN	KNOTT	JAXEL	ROBB	BURKE
YES		✓	✓	✓		✓
ABSTAIN						
NO						
ABSENT	✓				✓	

CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas Cardis, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Pine Hill, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by Borough of Pine Hill at a meeting of said Council held on the 18th day of September, 2017, at the Borough Municipal Building.

THOMAS CARDIS, Borough Clerk

Motion to move Resolution #2017-183: Councilman Burke, 2nd Councilwoman McCullen
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

Mayor Green opened the floor to the public.

Walt Davis – 1 Franklin Avenue

Mr. Davis asked about the sign at Ramblewood.

Mayor Green explained.

Mr. Davis asked about the assistance certificates 138 and 139 in regards to resolutions at the last Council Meeting and thought that they should be on the Borough website.

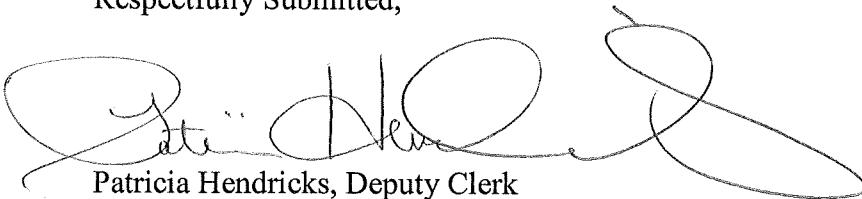
Mayor Green commented that he would take a look at it.

Motion to close the floor to the public: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Burke
All in Favor: 4 yes votes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Jaxel, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 4 yes votes

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk